

(Washington, D.C.) Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) announced today that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly known as the Economic Stimulus Bill, contains an estimated \$100 million in direct aid to our local school districts over the next two years. The bill is expected to be voted on Wednesday afternoon in the full House of Representatives. The aid is meant to relieve (buffer) districts suffering from major shortfalls due to the recent economic crisis.

“The economic crisis that currently grips our country seriously threatens school funding and the ability of our school districts to educate our children,” said Congressman Tim Ryan. “Today, I am announcing \$100 million in relief to our local school districts so they can continue to prepare our kids for the good jobs of the future.”

The aid will be given over a two-year period starting this year in FY 2009 and ending in FY 2010. The increases will help school districts with high percentages of low-income students under Title 1-A, special education needs under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grants and major investments in school construction and rehabilitation.

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